IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for selecting classes using a browser for use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the method comprising:

    providing through the browser, an interface in which the interface allows for selection of classes for use by the virtual machine;

    receiving a selection of classes through the interface; [[and]]

    storing the selection of classes, wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser when initializing the virtual machine; and

    using the selection of the classes to initialize the virtual machine.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface is a graphical user interface.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of storing the selection of classes comprises storing the selection of classes in a user profile.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of classes is a class path.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selection of classes causes a class path to be appended to a system class path.

8. (Original) A method for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual machine associated with a browser, the method comprising:

    displaying a graphical user interface in which a classpath may be selected to define classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

receiving a selection of the classpath from the graphical user interface;

storing the selection of the classpath; and

initializing the Java virtual machine using the selection of the class path.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the selection of the classpath appends the classpath to a system classpath.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system class path has an end and wherein the classpath is appended to the end of the system classpath.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system classpath has a beginning and wherein the classpath is appended to a beginning of the system classpath.

12.   (Currently amended) A data processing system for selecting classes using a browser for use by a virtual machine in the data processing system, the data processing system comprising:

providing means for providing through the browser an interface in which the interface allows for selection of classes for use by the virtual machine;

receiving means for receiving a selection of classes through the interface; [[and]]

storing means for storing the selection of classes, wherein the selection of classes is used by the browser when initializing the virtual machine; and

means for using the selection of the classes to initialize the virtual machine.

13.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the interface is a graphical user interface.

14.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the virtual machine is a Java virtual machine.

15.   (Canceled)

16. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the step of storing the selection of classes comprises storing the selection of classes in a user profile.

17. (Original) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the selection of classes is a classpath.

18. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 12, wherein the selection of classes causes a classpath to be appended to a system class path.

19. (Original) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selecting classes for use by a Java virtual machine associated with a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for displaying a graphical user interface in which a classpath may be selected to define classes for use with the Java virtual machine;

second instructions for receiving a selection of the classpath from the graphical user interface;

third instructions for storing the selection of the classpath; and

fourth instructions for initializing the Java virtual machine using the selection of the classpath.

20. (Currently amended) A method for selecting a class for use by a virtual machine in a data processing system, the method comprising:

providing through a browser, an interface in which the interface allows for selection of a class location for use by the virtual machine;

receiving a selection of a class location through the interface; [[and]]

storing the class location, wherein the class location is used by the browser to load a class when initializing the virtual machine; and

using the selection of the class to initialize the virtual machine.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the class location is a class path.

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22.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the class location is stored in a user profile data structure.